

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-20 will be pending, of which claims 1 is independent. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application, specifically at page 11, lines 1-24.

**35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections:**


Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and for lack of enablement. The Applicants submit that the above amendment fully remedies these rejections and, accordingly, respectfully request their withdrawal.

Conclusion

As all rejections have been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition of allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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